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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. SUMMARY. THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS BRIEFED ON THE SITUATION ON THE ZAIRE/RWANDA BORDER BY U/SYG GHAREKHAN. OVER 10,000 REFUGEES HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY REPATRIATED SINCE LAST SATURDAY. OVER 5,500 ON AUG 22 ALONE. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED AND AGREED AD REF TO A DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT CALLING ON ZAIRE TO HALT ITS FORCIBLE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES. THE COUNCIL WILL ADOPT THE STATEMENT ON WEDNESDAY, AUG 23. IN THE INTERIM THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL CALLED IN THE ZAIRIAN CHARGE TO EXPRESS THE COUNCIL'S CONCERN AND MADE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS CALLING FOR ZAIRE TO STOP REPATRIATIONS. THE CHARGE OF ZAIRE SOUGHT CHANGES TO THE DRAFT BUT REFUSED TO SAY HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD CHANGE ITS POLICY. END SUMMARY.

3. DURING SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMALS AUGUST 22, U/SYG

GHAREKHAN BRIEFED ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAIRE. THE SYG HAS DISPATCHED UNHCR HEAD OGATA TO ZAIRE TO UNDERTAKE URGENT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOZ. ACCORDING TO GHAREKHAN, 10,000 REFUGEES HAVE BEEN EXPELLED SINCE LAST SATURDAY. ON AUGUST 22, 5,500 REFUGEES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED TO BOTH RWANDA AND BURUNDI. THERE ARE REPORTS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES HAVING FLED INTO THE HILLS TO AVOID FORCED REPATRIATION. GHAREKHAN SAID IT WAS BELIEVED MANY WERE IMPLICATED IN THE GENOCIDE. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS OF HOMES BEING BURNED AND LOOTED BY ZAIRIAN TROOPS. (NOTE: THESE ZAIRIAN TROOPS ARE NOT THE ELITE TROOPS AFFILIATED WITH
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THE UNHCR OPERATIONS.) IN NORTH KIVU, ONE REFUGEE CAMP HAS BEEN FORCED TO CLOSE. IN SOUTH KIVU, THREE CAMPS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CLOSE AND TENSIONS ARE REPORTED TO BE HIGH. GHAREKHAN SAID THAT, ON THE RWANDAN SIDE OF THE BORDER, THE SITUATION IS CALM AND RETURNEES ARE BEING HANDLED EFFECTIVELY.

4. THE US PREPARED A DRAFT SC PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION ON ZAIRE AND, AFTER A QUICK CORRIDOR DISCUSSION WITH KEY DELEGATIONS, CIRCULATED IT AFTER

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GHAREKHAN'S BRIEFING. THE TEXT WAS UNCLASSIFIED
TO ALL DELEGATIONS (TEXT FOLLOWS IN PARA 5). CHINA
REQUESTED A DELAY SO THAT IT COULD SEND A TEXT TO
BEIJING FOR FORMAL APPROVAL. THE DRAFT IS EXPECTED TO
BE ADOPTED IN A SC FORMAL MEETING ON AUGUST 23. IN THE
MEANTIME, IT WAS AGREED SC PRESIDENT WISNUMURTI WOULD
CALL IN THE ZAIRIAN CHARGE TO EXPRESS THE COUNCIL'S
CONCERN AND WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS AFTER
THE COUNCIL MEETING. HE SAID THE COUNCIL VIEWS WITH
DEEP CONCERN THE TENSE SITUATION AND FORCED REPATRIATION
OF REFUGEES. HE SAID THE COUNCIL CALLS ON ZAIRE TO
HONOR ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1951 CONVENTION ON
REFUGEES.

5. FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE ZAIRE
CHARGE, THE CHARGE MET WITH USUN POLOFF. THE CHARGE
SUPPLIED CERTAIN ELEMENTS WHICH THE GOZ WISHED
INCORPORATED INTO THE TEXT. THESE INCLUDED CALLING ON
RWANDA TO HONOR ITS AGREEMENTS, DEMANDING THAT RWANDA
AND BURUNDI DESIST ALL ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE
DESTABILIZING, CREATING A FIXED SCHEDULE FOR REFUGEE
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RETURNS, AND PAYMENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR
THE DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OF THE REFUGEES IN
ZAIRE. (INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE KEY PART OF THE
ZAIRE PROPOSAL FOLLOWS AT PARA 6 FULL TEXT FAXED TO
IO/UNP.) THE CHARGE SAID THAT THE GOZ WOULD NOT
ANNOUNCE ANY CHANGE IN ITS POLICY OF FORCED
REPATRIATIONS AND THREATENED FURTHER UNACCEPTABLE

BEHAVIOR IF THE SC IGNORED GOZ CONCERNS. USUN POLOFF
TOLD CHARGE THAT THE US WOULD NOT FAVOR ANY CHANGES TO
THE DRAFT STATEMENT WHICH WOULD WEAKEN OR DETRACT FROM
ITS PRINCIPAL MESSAGE THAT ZAIRE MUST STOP ITS ILLEGAL
FORCED REPATRIATIONS.

6. BEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT STATEMENT:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL VIEWS WITH DEEP CONCERN THE
FORCIBLE REPATRIATION OF RWANDAN AND BURUNDIAN REFUGEES
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE AND THE INCREASINGLY TENSE

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SITUATION IN THE REGION.

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THE SECURITY COUNCIL TAKES NOTE OF THE RECENT LETTER
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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(S/1995/722) AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPLY
(S/1995/723) IN WHICH HE URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE
TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO RWANDAN AND
BURUNDIAN REFUGEES.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT THE NATIONS WHICH
HAVE ACCEPTED REFUGEES FROM RWANDA AND BURUNDI HAVE MADE
AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE
REGION. THEIR CONTRIBUTION IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN
VIEW OF THE GENOCIDE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN RWANDA AND THE
POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER BLOODSHED IN BURUNDI. THE
COUNCIL ALSO NOTES THE COMMITMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
RWANDA TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE
SAFE RETURN OF ITS NATIONALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE TO
HONOR ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE REFUGEES INCLUDING THOSE
UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON REFUGEES OF 1951
AND TO RECONSIDER AND HALT ITS DECLARED POLICY OF THE
FORCIBLE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES TO RWANDA.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE DECISION BY THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SEND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
REFUGEES TO THE REGION TO ENGAGE IN URGENT DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE WITH A VIEW TOWARD
RESOLVING THE SITUATION. IT ENCOURAGES ALL GOVERNMENTS
IN THE REGION TO COOPERATE WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR REFUGEES TO ACHIEVE THE VOLUNTARY AND ORDERLY

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END TEXT OF DRAFT STATEMENT

7. BEGIN TRANSLATION (FRENCH) OF PART OF ZAIRE TEXT:

THE GOZ WOULD HOPE TO OBTAIN A STATEMENT FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSING THE
FOLLOWING ISSUES:

--1. (THAT) RWANDA HONOR IN GOOD FAITH, ITS OBLIGATION
SET FORTH IN THE KINKASHA ACCORDS, THE RESOLUTIONS OF
THE NAIROBI SUMMIT, AS WELL AS THE "ACTION PLAN" OF THE
REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF BUJUMBURA.

--2. CALL ON RWANDA AND BURUNDI TO DESIST FROM ALL
ACTIONS THAT WOULD CAUSE TENSION IN THE GREAT LAKES
REGION SO AS TO ALLAY THE FEARS OF THE GOZ AND CREATE A
CLIMATE OF PEACE AND CALM.

--3 . HAVE THE SYG:

--A. REPORT REGULARLY TO THE SC AS TO WHETHER THE
"REPATRIATION SCHEDULE" OF RWANDAN AND BURUNDIAN
REFUGEES, AS AGREED TO BY THE ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES AND
THE HCR, IS BEING HONORED .

--B. TO HOLD A FUND-RAISERS' CONFERENCE, UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF UNDP, TO TAKE STEPS TO REPAIR THE DAMAGES TO
THE AREAS OF ZAIRE CAUSED BY THE REFUGEES.

--C. GRANT DONOR ASSISTANCE TO GOZ IN ACCORDANCE WITH
RESOLUTION 49/24 ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON
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END TEXT OF TRANSLATION.

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